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The doctrine of *caveat emptor* will apply to Uncle Sam when he goes into the free-silver business.

To hear the gold-bugs talk, one would think a piece of silver was not worth picking up in the big road.

CADETS are appointed to the University in somewhat different style. This position gives the appointee free tuition and books, as well as other privileges, and is much sought after. Applicants from this county must refer to W. E. Haymond, Sutton, W. Va.

In Monongahela County, David Musgrove was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing his wife. The evidence was mainly circumstantial. The body was found in a running brook about two feet deep. On the throat were finger marks. The couple had not lived together in harmony. The trial has taken weeks. It is said that one of the defendant's lawyers, George C. Sturgiss, was retained at a fee of \$2000.

THERE is no use in making a continual complaint about the weather. There is not a man, woman, or child but what knows this, but still they keep up a grumble about this or that change. Life is spent in wishing it would rain or clear up. Last spring nothing was heard but that the frost had blasted the prospects of a season's crops. No fruit, no wheat, no corn no garden. As was predicted, hardly a month had passed ere every one forgot that there had been a frost.

THERE is one feature of the money question which is very taking with a young adventurer who has his fortune to make, and that is that property will not be secure and the substantial property holder may expect to have his fortune scattered to the four winds if the socialistic doctrine of free silver prevails. The writer, not having anything to lose, might have a chance to gather up some of the pieces, where now he belongs to a class which depends upon the crumbs which incidentally fall from the rich men's tables.

A LEVEL-HEADED writer says that now is the time to breed horses. Be it remembered that the horses bred this year cannot be marketed before the year 1900. The present price of horses has discouraged breeding to such an extent that the careful observer asks where are the horses of the future to come from. Good heavy draft horses will be the most profitable stock of the farm in 1900, and the breed of the year 1890 is now going begging, another five years will bring about the cycle that will see horses restored to their former high price.

In a recent lecture at Richmond, Virginia, Rev. Samuel Jones expressed these sentiments, which are true and to be remembered by such of our readers who may think lightly of country life: "I have seen the social life from the White House to the cabin, and I say to you that the society of the plain country house in which live a plain religious, industrious father and mother, a number of ruddy-complexioned girls, and several strapping boys—that home where nightly after supper the old Bible is read by the father, and the same repeated each morning—I tell you that is the society I crave. Out of such homes have come all of our great men, those who have reached the topmost rounds of the ladder of fame from which their names have been heralded abroad. Out of just such homes the great and famous men of the future will come. It is this genuine home where true manhood stands above everything, that produces the true type of manhood."

We are constrained to thank kindly the editor of the Hinton *Republican* for a graceful compliment paid to the merits of this paper in a late issue. But in the same paper we are pained to note that he drags the editor of our contemporary over the coals in a perfectly awful manner. He attacks Mr Scott's editorial, "Why not Lynch 'em?" which many will remember as appearing a week or two since. When the copy of the *Republican* reached this place the timber could be heard falling for miles around, and this week's issue will no doubt contain something that will cause the Hinton editor's bones to shrivel and crack and turn his blood into gall. As to the merits of the subject, we have nothing to say, not wanting to lynch or be lynched except under circumstances where it is absolutely necessary.

The Pocahontas Times.

As will be noticed this week the proprietors of this paper enlarge the space of home reading matter and drop the patent side, believing that it will result in a more satisfactory paper for everyone concerned. The lack of railroad facilities make it almost impossible to make practical use of patent sides in newspaper work, and the matter is often months old before it is put before the reader. To those reading a county paper, very little home-news matter will make up for the dead stuff usually found in patent sides, and which is of no account to an intelligent man. In the new form it is proposed that a better paper than has hitherto been issued will be furnished to subscribers.

WILLIAMS' RIVER.

We are having lots of rain, and everything is moving along lively. There are a number of logs in the river at this writing which cannot be moved until there comes a flood to carry them to Camden.

Turnbull & Kirsch will complete their job of cutting logs by the 4th. Dow & Burr placed nearly a million feet of lumber in the river last month.

Mr Peter Dow and wife have gone to Weston on a visit. It is hoped they will return for the 4th. Quite a number of the camp boys are going to Marlinton to spend the 4th. We hope there will be a pleasant time there on that day.

The "pig's ear" we think must be in full blast, as one of its visitors on last Sunday was crazed enough to ride through a man's house, and I think he had done no harm. We hope any reader of this paper will stop and think before they visit the reptile's den, that they may realize what it leads to.

Owen Kellison and Oliver Auldridge returned to their respective homes last Friday.

James Folks, of Bath County, returned home yesterday.

Some of the camp boys are much homesick. We think there is something more than home attractions that is taking them back to Pocahontas!

Darnell & Burr have moved into their new camp.

Withrow McClintic has commenced his job of lumbering. We wish him good luck.

Mr Giles Sharp, of Stony Creek, visited the camps last week, and traded his horse to Thompson & Messer for a yoke of oxen.

This has been more business in this vicinity this season than in all the surrounding country. We hope business will revive more generally and give employment to more of the laboring men. CHARITY.

CLOVER LICK.

Rev. Henry McLaughlin preached quite an interesting sermon at this place last Sunday from John 13:33.

Mr J. C. Price and wife have been visiting their relatives in Highland County, Va. Mr Price returned with a fine new wagon which his brother-in-law, Mr Williams, had made for him.

Mr Joe Hannah, who has just returned from Buckhannon, says it is very dry in that region. Farmers are mowing their meadows, plowing them, and sowing them in corn.

Meadows will be tight here, a quantity of cheat in meadows will cause farmers to commence mowing soon.

Mr Albert Sharp killed a large rattle-snake the other day.

John R. Showalter is keeping bachelor's hall and looking after Newton Cupp's property.

Not long since James McCloud and Howard Meeks caught a large bear in a bear-trap on the head of Elk Lick Run. This bear has destroyed several sheep in that neighborhood.

Watson Sharp passed here inquiring for a man who had skipped his board bill. BLUBAKER.

THE proposed railroad from Pickens to Addison will be a narrow gauge. It is stated on such good authority as A. H. Wincheester that the material and rolling stock of the narrow gauge that used to run from Weston to Clarksburg will be used in the construction and equipment of the new road.—Bracton Democrat.

WM. H. H. LYNN a prominent business man, died in Staunton on Thursday morning. He had been in feeble health for several years, suffering from cancer of the stomach. He owned and edited the Staunton *Vindicator* for a number of years, and was a vigorous writer. He was sixty years old. His estate is worth about \$20,000. Among the bequests he gives to Claudius Johnson, his colored servant, a residence in Newton, in fee simple, all his furniture and also directed the interest on \$3,000 to be paid to Johnson during life, and then to Johnson's children until they are of age, and then the principle goes to the Masonic Home near Richmond.

SNAKE STORY.—One day last week Arthur Elbon and James Woodell, while prospecting in the mountains a short distance from town, ran across and captured a large black-snake, tied a string around its neck and brought it home with them. The snake, on account of its large size, created quite a commotion among the young boys, who proceeded to prod it with sticks and otherwise worried it until his snakeship was worked into a great rage. Later on, just to see what it would do, the snake was released. As soon as it was free, it climbed a small apple tree, laid its head on a limb, and coiled around it, squeezed so hard as to mash its head and burst its body in several places, thus deliberately committing suicide.—Webster Echo.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Among the appointments of cadets to enter the military academy at West Point in June, 1896, made this week are George B. Camley, Clarksburg, W. Va., John Wilson, Martinsburg, W. Va., and Hugh Warden (alternate), Grafton, W. Va.

MONDAY morning at trial time, Max Biddle, colored, was carrying a gun from the depot to B. D. Bailey which had been sent over by Capt. S. B. Phillips, of Buchanan, he carelessly snapper it at Frank Jarvis, the 17 year old son of Hugh Jarvis, who resides a short distance below town, when the gun was discharged and the entire load of shot penetrated young Jarvis' body, literally tearing to pieces his heart and left lung. When the gun exploded, Biddle hurled it from him, and realizing what he had done caught young Jarvis in his arms and supported him until his life-blood ebbed away, which was only a few moments after he was shot. Sergeant Rily immediately arrested Biddle, who protested that he did not know the gun was loaded, that he and Jarvis were friends and that it was purely an accident. He made no move to escape when being arrested and went quietly to the lockup.—Weston Times.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., June 27.—An old German carpenter by the name of Craft, living on the farm of F. A. Long, committed suicide this evening by drowning himself in the river near Sandhill, this county. He acted strangely this morning and talked about taking his life, but nobody paid any attention to it. He leaves a large family, was a good mechanic, and at one time built a house in the grounds of the King's palace in Germany.—Register.

THE poor man below had wheels in his head:

Yesterday evening, says the *Martinsburg World*, officers Hollis and Elliott brought to this city Mr John W. McIntyre, a resident of Falling Water district, who had lost his mind over a bicycle patent. At times he was rational, but again he would become so violent that nothing could be done with him. He lived with his parents and was at the request of them brought here and placed in the jail. He is a married man about 45 years old and has one child. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting him to consent to accompany the officers.

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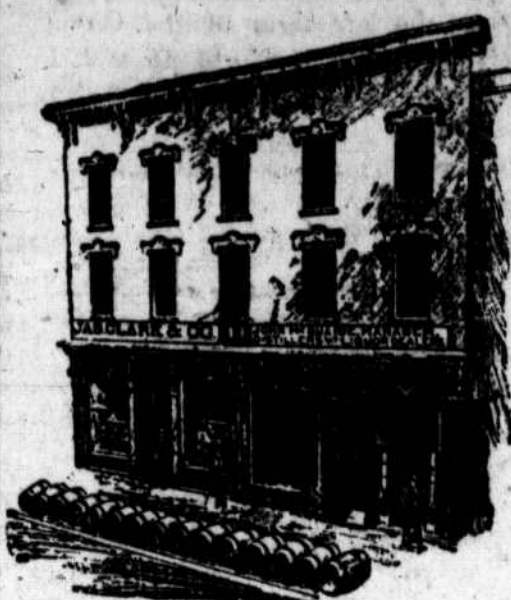
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